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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: CAMP DAVID CONFERENCE

1. JORDANIAN PRESS SEPTEMBER 11 FRONTPAGES AND CONTINUES TO GIVE PROMINENCE TO CAMP DAVID TALKS. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AD-DUSTUR PUBLISHES UNDER BANNER HEADLINES A DISPATCH BY ITS RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT IN U.S. ADNAN AL-KATIB AND NEWS AGENCIES THAT WHILE BEGIN SAYS THE TALKS ARE SATISFACTORY, EGYPTIANS ARE DISAPPOINTED. THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION REPORTS THAT SADAT'S HOPE IS RUNNING THIN AS THERE SEEMS TO BE NO VISIBLE POSITIVE SIGNS IN SUMMIT AND OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT TALKS WILL BE HALTED.

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2. COMMENTING EDITORIALY ON SITUATION IN LEBANON AND CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, AD-DUSTUR SAYS THAT IT IS NOT A COINCIDENCE THAT THE PHALANGISTS CHOSE THIS PARTICULAR TIME TO ESCALATE SITUATION BECAUSE THIS IS PART OF THE ISRAELI PLAN, TO RAISE THE LEBANESE ISSUE AT CAMP DAVID AND DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM MAJOR PEACE SETTLEMENTS ISSUES' THE PAPER ADDS THAT ISRAEL WANTS TO EXPLOIT THE LEBANESE

ISSUE AND TORPEDO THE CONFERENCE AND ENCOURAGE FRATRICIDE IN LEBANON. THE EDITORIAL BELIEVES THE ISRAELI PLOT WILL BE FOILED AS MOST NATIONALIST LEADERS IN LEBANON REALIZE THE DIMENSIONS OF THIS PLOT AND THE NEED TO SUPPORT THEIR LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT.

3. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AR-RA'Y HIGHLIGHTS AND FRONT-PAGES REPORTS BY NEWS AGENCIES ON THE TRIPARTITE TALKS AT CAMP DAVID. THE PAPER SAYS CONFERENCE IS MOVING SLOWLY AND THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE TALKS. EDITORIALIZING ON THE TALKS, AR-RA'Y SAYS THAT BEGIN HAS ENDED THE SECRECY SHROUDING THE CONFERENCE BY STATING THAT THE TALKS ARE SATISFACTORY DESPITE FACT THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAVE STATED THEIR DISAPPOINTMENTS. THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN HAS STATED THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ONLY IN SECONDARY ISSUES AND THAT CRUCIAL ISSUES HAVE NOT YET BEEN OVERCOME. THE PAPER QUESTIONS THE ALLEGED PROGRESS THAT BEGIN HAS REFERRED TO PARTICULARLY AS LONG AS ISRAEL IS STILL REFUSING TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE EDITORIAL REITERATES KING HUSSEIN'S SPEECH ON THE EVE OF THE TALKS THAT JORDAN DOES NOT SEE ANY JUSTIFICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FORMAL DISCUSSIONS THAT ARE VOID OF CONTENT AND WHICH CONTINUE TO BE VAGUE IN THEIR AIMS AND SUBSTANCE. THE EDITORIAL DOES UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT FORESEE ANY POSSIBILITIES OF PROGRESS THUS FAR AND FEARS THAT THIS PROGRESS MIGHT ONLY BE ACHIEVED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE JUST ARAB DEMANDS. THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT "ISRAEL DOES NOT WANT PEACE AND THIS IS A FACT WHICH ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CAMP DAVID TALKS MUST REALIZE."

4. ARABIC DAILY AL-AKHBAR FRONTPAGES UNDER BANNER HEADLINES REPORTS BY NEWS AGENCIES THAT SADAT IS LOSING HIS PATIENCE FOR LACK OF PROGRESS. THREE POINTS LED TO THE DISAGREEMENT INSIDE THE SUMMIT: WITHDRAWAL, SECURITY GUARANTEES AND FUTURE PALESTINIAN ROLE. THE AMMAN DAILY ALSO FRONTPAGES AND REHASHES PRESIDENT AL-ASAD'S INTERVIEW WITH GERMAN NEWSPAPER DER SPEIGEL THAT "CAMP DAVID SUMMIT WILL NOT ACHIEVE PEACE AS WE DO NOT ACCEPT PARTIAL SETTLEMENTS THAT DISCARDS THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." NAIFEH

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